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DDC Legislative Agenda for the 2014 Legislative Session

COMMITTEE PROCESS: *In October, the Public Policy Committee adopted this list of Public Policy Issues for the DDC's Legislative Agenda. The list is placed on the January 24 agenda for a vote by the full DDC. If approved, the staff will produce a small pamphlet that lists and describes the DDC's Public Policy Agenda to be used for the 2014 Legislative Session.*

A. The DDC leads in building community capacity by:

- Focusing on No Paid Services Caseload and funds for unserved and the Individual and Family Supports Program;
- Initiating expansion of Peer Support Networks; and
- Addressing issues in the State Auditor's report on the DD System;

B. The DDC supports and collaborates with other organizations to:

- Improve access and maintain hours of Medicaid Personal Care;
- Address Abuse and Neglect issues through:
 - Investigations in Community Residential Services (H1574); and
 - time limited case management in cases of neglect.
- Act on Supported Decision Making proposals such as:
 - Changing statute to a Uniform Power of Attorney; and
 - Restoring funding for the Office of Public Guardianship and the Long Term Care Ombudsman.
- Build capacity in the community by:
 - Increasing Supported Living Worker's Wages;
 - Permitting family caregivers to be treated the same as parent caregivers;
 - Allowing Community Access and/or Employment on the same day;
 - Exploring changes in Respite Care training and registry services;
 - Expanding crisis stabilization and community respite services;
 - Monitoring outcomes from the Aging and Disabilities Task Force;
 - Advocating for funding for transportation; and
 - Increasing access to behavioral health services and ensuring the rights of people with psychiatric disabilities.

"...isolation will be supplanted by the open warmth of community concern and capability." JFK